

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A presentation of textual material having text corresponding to the dialogue a plurality of characters and narrative, wherein the text for the dialogue of a first character is presented in a first indicia throughout substantially all the presentation, and wherein the text for the dialogue of a second character is presented in a second indicia throughout substantially all the presentation, the first and second indicia being different.
2. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the narration is presented in a third indicia throughout substantially all the presentation.
3. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia comprise different colors.
4. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the indicia comprises one of a font size or font style.
5. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia are selected by a first and second reader before the text is presented.
6. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the text associated with at least two of the characters is written at pre-determined reading levels that differ by at least one grade in reading level and at least one of which differs from the reading level of the text as originally written.
7. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the textual material is presented on paper.
8. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the textual material is presented on an electronic display controlled by a computer.
9. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the indicia is selected to enhance the ease of reading of the text for a person reading the text for a character.
10. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the textual material is presented on pages which include a legend correlating the identity of a selected reader of text on the page with a character and with indicia corresponding to the character.
11. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the textual material is presented on a page containing symbols representative of a reading level associated with at least one of the indicia and with characters appearing on the page.

12. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the text for at least one character is written in language different from the text of another character.

13. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the text associated with at least two of the characters is written at a reading level selected for one or more specific persons.

14. A presentation as in Claim 1, further comprising cues adjacent a plurality of the dialogue to provide at least one of voice inflection, character demeanor and character action.

15. A presentation as in Claim 1, wherein the textual material corresponding to a character is written in a plurality of different reading levels and selected by a specific reader from among that plurality of different reading levels.

16. A method of presenting reading material containing text corresponding to the dialogue of a plurality of characters, comprising the steps of:

15 writing text corresponding to a first character in a first reading level and presenting that text in a first indicia for at least a substantial portion of the text corresponding to the first character; and

writing text corresponding to a second character in a second reading level and presenting that text in a second indicia for at least a substantial portion of the text corresponding to the second character.

20 17. A method as defined in Claim 16, wherein the reading material contains narrative that is written at a predetermined reading level and presented in a third indicia.

18. A method as defined in Claim 16, wherein the first and second indicia are different colors.

25 19. A method as defined in Claim 16, wherein the reading level of the dialogues for a plurality of character dialogues are selected, before the reading material is presented, to correspond with the reading ability of specific persons who will read the text for each character.

20. A method as defined in Claim 16, wherein the writing steps further comprise writing the text at a plurality of substantially different reading levels and wherein the presented text is selected from among those plurality of texts written at substantially different reading levels.

21. A method as defined in Claim 16, wherein the reading material has a number of characters with dialogue and each character is assigned to a specific reader, with the presentation of text for each character being selected and presented according to the reading level of a specific reader assigned to each character.

5 22. A method as defined in Claim 16, further comprising the steps of presenting a legend correlating the identity of the reader with the character and with any indicia assigned to the text of the character.

10 23. A method as defined in Claim 16, comprising the further step of presenting the reading material on a page, and placing a legend on the page which identifies the first character and the first indicia with a name of a specific reader.

15 24. A method as defined in Claim 19, comprising the further step of presenting the reading material on a page and placing indicia on at least one page that identifies the reading level associated with the text presented on the at least one page.

20 25. A method as defined in Claim 19, comprising the further step of presenting the reading material on an electronic display controlled by a computer.

25 26. A method as defined in Claim 25, comprising the further step of presenting the reading material in connection with audible sounds.

27. The method as defined in Claim 16, further comprising the step of placing cues adjacent a plurality of the dialogue to instruct a reader on at least one of voice inflection, character demeanor and character action.

28. Reading material produced according to the method of Claim 16.

29. Reading material produced according to the method of Claim 18.

30 30. A presentation of a story having at least two characters with dialogue for each character that are to be read by at least one reader assigned to each character, wherein the dialogue for a plurality of characters is written at a reading level selected to correspond to the particular reader assigned to each of the plurality of characters, and presented in an indicia that is unique to each character and extending throughout a substantial portion of the dialogue associated with a plurality of characters.

31. The presentation of a story as defined in Claim 30, wherein the dialogue of at least one character is presented in a larger font than text for other characters in order to make it easier to read the dialogue of that character.

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32. The presentation of a story as defined in Claim 30, wherein the dialogue assigned to at least one character is presented in a different font to distinguish the dialogue from that of other characters.

5 33. The presentation of a story as defined in Claim 32, wherein the dialogue assigned to at least one character is presented in a different language than the language of another character.

34. The presentation of a story as defined in Claim 31, wherein the indicia comprises a different color to distinguish the dialogue of one character from that of other characters.

10 35. The presentation of a story as defined in Claim 30, wherein the dialogue assigned to at least one character is presented in a different color to distinguish the dialogue from that of other characters.

36. The presentation of a story as defined in Claim 35, wherein the dialogue is presented on a page along with a legend that correlates the color, reader and character.

15 37. The presentation of a story as defined in Claim 30 further including cues adjacent a plurality of the dialogue to provide at least one of voice inflection, character demeanor and character action.

38. A presentation as in Claim 30 wherein the dialogue for a plurality of characters is selected from among a plurality of dialogues written at substantially different reading levels, with the reading level being selected for presentation according to the reading ability of a particular reader who is to read the dialogue.

20 39. An apparatus for preparing reading material having a plurality of characters with dialogue to be read by a plurality of readers, comprising:  
means for inputting information relating to reading levels of a plurality of readers to an information processor;  
means for selecting text for a first character appropriate for the reading level of a first reader assigned to the first character;  
means for selecting text for a second character appropriate for the reading level of a second reader assigned to the second character;

means for presenting the selected text in a unique indicia for reading by the assigned readers for a substantial portion of the dialogue of the first and second characters.

40. The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein the information processor has access 5 to the same dialogue written in a plurality of substantially different reading levels and from which the text for the first and second characters is selected.

41. The apparatus of Claim 40, wherein the means for selecting text for the first and second characters further comprises means for selecting text for specific persons.

10 42. The apparatus of Claim 39, further comprising means for applying indicia to the text for at least one of the characters to distinguish the text from the text assigned to other characters.

43. The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein the indicia is color.

15 44. The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein the reading material is provided on a plurality of pages, and further comprising means for providing a legend on a plurality of the pages correlating the character, reader and indicia.

20 45. A method for preparing reading material having dialogue for a plurality of characters to be read by a plurality of readers, comprising the steps of:

inputting information relating to reading levels of a plurality of readers to an information processor;

selecting text for a first character appropriate for the reading level of a first reader of the plurality of readers assigned to the first character from a compilation of text containing the same dialogue written at a plurality of reading levels;

25 selecting text for a second character appropriate for the reading level of a second reader of the plurality of readers assigned to the second character from a compilation of text containing the same dialogue written at a plurality of reading levels; and

30 presenting the selected text for a substantial portion of all dialogue of the first and second readers in a unique indicia for viewing and reading by the assigned readers.

46. The method of Claim 45, wherein the presenting step comprises the step of providing a color to the text for at least one of the characters.

47. The method of Claim 45, wherein the presenting step comprises the step of presenting the material on a plurality of pages, and further providing a legend on a plurality of the pages correlating the character, reader and indicia.

5 48. The method of Claim 45, wherein the presenting step comprises the step of printing the reading material.

49. The method of Claim 45, wherein the text assigned to at least one character is presented in a language other than English.

10 50. The method of Claim 45, wherein the presenting step comprises the step of displaying the reading material on a visible display controlled by a computer processor.

15 51. The method of Claim 45, further comprising the step of presenting cues in the text at a plurality of locations to indicate at least one of voice inflection, character demeanor and character action.

52. A method of presenting customized reading material for specific readers containing text corresponding to the dialogue of a plurality of characters which are selected by specific readers, comprising the steps of:

20 inputting first information corresponding to a type of desired reading material;

presenting a selection of reading material in response to the first information;

25 selecting one of the presented reading materials and in response to that selection presenting a summary of each of a plurality of characters involved in the selected reading material;

selecting indicia to be associated with at least one character selected from the plurality of characters;

producing the customized reading material containing dialogue text that is presented in the selected indicia associated with the selected character.

30 53. The method as defined in Claim 52, wherein a first specific reader at a first reading level is assigned to a first character and comprising the further step of

providing information relating to a reading level of the first specific reader and wherein the producing step further comprises the step of producing text for the first character at a reading level corresponding to the first reading level.

5 54. The method as defined in Claim 53 wherein the step of producing text comprises selecting the text from a plurality of texts for the same dialogue written at various reading levels.

55. The method as defined in Claim 53, wherein the at least one character is the first character and the indicia is the color of the text in which the dialogue is presented.

10 56. The method as defined in Claim 52, wherein the step of selecting indicia comprises the step of selecting a color.

57. The method as defined in Claim 52, wherein the selecting step comprises selecting reading material corresponding to the number of specific readers.

15 58. The method as defined in Claim 52, wherein each specific reader selects a unique indicia that is associated with a single character.

The method as defined in Claim 52, further comprising the step of providing cues in the reading material to provide at least one of voice inflection, character demeanor and character action for at least one character.